

JOBS

The Social Services has contracted the JOBS Program for those members that receive AFDC. The State of Oregon will refer you to our program as time goes by. Marion Payne has been hired to coordinate the program. Please call Marion if you have question's or need assistance with the program. Aid to families with dependant children is administered through the State Adult and Family Services.

JOBS and supportive services will be coordinated through the main office located in Grand Ronde at the Depot. The JOBS Program will be providing you information regarding, 1. JOBS components-education, training, employment opportunities. 2. Available Supportive Services-child care, transitional child care, Tribal Agency obligations and participants rights and responsibilities.

We look forward to working with you on the project.

Native American Church Peyote Issue

It is anticipated that, at the next session of the Oregon Legislature, Representative Jim Edmunson from Eugene will introduce a bill regarding use of Peyote in religious ceremonies.

A draft of Legislative Concept (LC) 473 has been in circulation for several months now. The bill created a defense to prosecution for possession or delivery of peyote. This defense would only be available in cases where peyote is used, or intended for use, in connection with a bona fide practice of religious belief, as an integral part of a religious exercise, and in a manner not dangerous to public health, safety or morals.

It should be noted that this proposed bill not create an exemption from the prohibited controlled substance list. Instead, it would only create a right of offering a legal defense. Thus, a member of the Native American Church could be arrested for possession or use of peyote: could be held pending trial: and, could be prosecuted. What the bill permits then is simply that the defendant in the criminal trial could offer their religious belief and practice as a defense. It would be up the trier of fact to determine if the defense applied.

Anyone wishing to receive a copy of LC 473 or wishing to comment on it, should contact Representative Edmunson by writing to him in care of the following:

Rep. Jim Edmunson, District 39
The House of Representatives
Salem, Oregon 97310

Apples for Students

Nanitch Sahallie has started to collect cash register receipts from Fred Meyer to get FREE "Apples for the Students" Partnership for Education Program. Apple Computers are the most widely used educational computers and Nanitch Sahallie would like to provide extensive hands-on access to classroom computers for each client.

Fiona MacNeill, Education Coordinator at Nanitch Sahallie states, "Many studies demonstrate that Native American students respond quickly to the experimental learning which computers provide." Many of the adolescents in residential treatment at Nanitch Sahallie need improvement in basic learning skills, and have fallen behind in their education due to their alcohol and/or drug abuse. Computers are an ideal hands on way to involve students in learning. Currently, there are no computers at Nanitch available for client use. Nanitch Sahallie hopes that the Grand Ronde Community will help support this program by sending their Fred Meyer cash register tapes to: Nanitch Sahallie, 5119 River Rd. N., Keizer, OR. 97303.

For further information please contact Fiona MacNeill, Education Coordinator (503) 390-5904.

Educational Update

By Dean Azule

With the start of winter term 1991 underway, enrollment in the Tribe's Higher Education Program is up to an all time high of 28 students. Concluding fall term 1990, there were a total of 18 students. The Adult Vocational Program had a decrease in students for fall term 1990 to an all time low of 9 students. The decrease in the AVT Program was attributed to the large number of students graduating during the months of April to October 1990 and also to the fact several students took a "time out" break from studies for a variety of reasons. The AVT Program has increased enrollment for winter term to a total of 15 students.

The Adult Education Program has been operating with an average number of 15 - 20 participants per quarter. During the months of January through March 1991, special efforts will be taken to increase student participation in the Washington and Multnomah county areas.

The Tribe currently has 63 AVT, Higher Education and Adult Education students enrolled in 17 schools throughout 5 states. As winter term '91 begins, we like to voice encouragement and support to all of our students! We hope the remainder of the academic year will be positive. Study hard!



AVT Program Vacancies

If you are interested in pursuing Adult Vocational Training, there are still some vacancies per the 1990-1991 school year. To obtain an AVT application packet, contact the Tribal Education Program, 879-5211. If you plan on attending school during Spring Term, you will need to meet the following criteria:

- Must be an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde.
- Must meet admission criteria of school, some schools will require that you have a GED or High School Diploma.
- Must file a Financial Aid Form, per the 1990-1991 school year. You should file this immediately. You can obtain an FAF from the school you plan on attending.
- You must Reside within the Tribe's six county service area, this includes Multnomah, Washington, Yamhill, Polk, Tillamook and Marion counties.
- You must have you application into this office by 45 days prior to the day you will begin classes.

If you are interested in pursuing an Adult Vocational Training Program, you should start gathering the following documentation immediately:

- copy of your Tribal ID card, or CIB.
- financial aid form filing for 1990-91
- birth certificate. You should also include copies of your childrens birth certificates, if you claim them as dependents.
- proof of residency, copy of your drivers license, state ID card, or voter registration card.
- take placement assessment or admissions test.
- high school transcripts or community college transcripts.
- DD 214 form, if you've been in the military.
- if receiving AFS-ADC, food stamps, low income housing, summary from caseworker.

Please be aware, the school or training institution you are interested in attending must be on the Bureau of Indian Affairs approved list. Persons wishing to obtain AVT application packets or wanting more information regarding training programs should call Dean at (503) 879-5211.

Family Math and Family Science Continue in 1991

If by chance you missed the December 11th Family Math and Family Science class, you missed a good time. The turnout included 16 kids and 7 adults! The big winners for constructing the "perfect sized popcorn containers" were ADAM LENO and JEREMY HALLER!

A big THANK YOU goes out to ERICA MERCIER and AMELIA HAUG for lending a helping hand to the instructors by passing our materials, serving pizza and distributing presents.

The next class is scheduled for January 15th, 1991, and will be held somewhere! Hopefully the class will be held in the Education Room in the new modular units. Please keep a look out for informational fliers to be sent out by the JOM Program. Remember if you miss out on the January Family Math and Family Science class, you might miss out on FUN!!! MATH AND SCIENCE ARE FUN!!!

For more information call Barbara in the JOM Program or Dean, at 879-5211. See you on January 15th!

Dispelling the Myths

*A Conference For Underrepresented Students
Portland High Schools, Washington County
High Schools,
Woodburn, Independence & Chemawa High
Schools*

Grades 11 thru 12

*Wednesday, January 9, 1991
Portland State University
Smith Memorial Center*

Program is Full

If you were planning on attending school during spring and as of January 1st, you haven't made any move to complete the Tribal Education applications for Higher Education, be advised the Higher Education Program is full. If you wish to submit your application for spring term 1991 consideration, you may do so, but the application will be placed on a "waiting list". You still should submit your application, if vacancies occur due to academic suspensions, or students taking "time out", persons next in line on the waiting list will receive consideration depending upon the availability of funds. If you wish more information regarding the Education Programs contact Dean Azule.

New Financial Aid Forms Available

The 1991-1992 Financial Aid Forms are available for AVT and Higher Education applicants. You should try to have your FAF completed and sent in by January 31st, 1991. If you are thinking about attending school next fall 1991, but are not sure, you should still file the FAF anyway. Many students who are not sure they want to go to school delay in filing the FAF until it is almost too late. If you wait until August to begin this process you may not receive the maximum amount of financial aid available. If you wait until August to begin this process you may not receive the maximum amount of financial aid available. If you need a copy of the FAF for 1991-1992 you can contact the Tribal Education Office, (503) 879-5311 or pick up an FAF at your local community college or high school counseling office.